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MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report No. 151)
THRU: Executive Officer, War Crimes Branch
SUBJECT: Murder and attempted murder of Filipino
civilians and the wanton destruction of
private property in various Barrios of
Malvar, Batangas Province, Luzon, P.I.,
during January, February and March 1945.

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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

Early on the morning of 26 January 1945, Japanese soldiers entered Barrio San Andres, Malvar, Batangas Province. They rounded up the inhabitants in small groups and took them toward the school building. About fifty blood-covered bodies were scattered over the area, and three Filipinos, whose hands were tied behind their backs, were bayoneted to death. One of a group of five Filipinos ran away as he was being led towards the school, and though wounded when the Japanese shot at him, managed to escape (R 7, 8). Two other Filipinos sought shelter in a dugout, but were discovered by Japanese soldiers who fired a machine gun at them. The two men feigned death and later sought shelter elsewhere, but were again discovered by fifteen Japanese soldiers. One of the men was beheaded, but the other ran away and escaped as the Japanese fired at him (R 11, 12). Another Filipino while attempting to escape, was bayoneted by five Japanese soldiers, one of whom shot him in the head with a pistol. One of the other soldiers bayoneted the wounded man through the chest and left him for dead, but the victim managed to survive and recover. The Japanese then burned about ninety houses in the barrio (R 15, 16).

On 19 February 1945, about thirty Japanese soldiers and Makapillis approached the house of Santiago de la PENA in Barrio Begong Pock, Malvar. The Japanese surrounded the house which contained six persons and one of the Japanese entered the home. After a little while he came out, and the soldiers then took torches and burned the house down. The bodies of the six occupants were found in the charred ruins of the house (R 18).

On 25 March 1945, at Barrio San Pedro, one man was intercepted by Japanese soldiers and bayoneted five times when he was unable to tell them where all the inhabitants were. Though seriously wounded, he survived (R 21, 22, Exs B, C). On the same day in the same barrio, four other Filipino men whose hands were tied behind their backs were thrown into a deep well by Japanese soldiers and drowned (R 24, 25; Ex D). Two other men were drowned by the Japanese in the same manner at Barrio San Pedro on 27 March 1945 (R 28, 29; Ex E).

On another day in March 1945 at Barrio San Isidro, Bulshan, Malvar, Batangas Province, three Filipinos were captured by Japanese soldiers. Their hands were tied behind their backs and they were pushed into a deep well. Two of them were drowned but one managed to get his hands untied and held on to a piece of bamboo until he was rescued (R 32, 33; Ex F).

On 29 March 1945, at Duhat near Barrio San Juan, Japanese soldiers approached the home of a Filipino family of six who fled in an effort to escape. One pregnant woman was overtaken by the pursuing Japanese and shot with a rifle. Though seriously wounded, she survived. The other members of the family escaped unharmed. One other man was wounded by the Japanese at the same time and place and died later in a hospital (R 36, 37).

About 1000 hours on 28 March 1945, two hundred Japanese soldiers entered Barrio San Isidro, Buliban, Malvar. The residents scattered for safety, but one man, his child, and two women were captured. After being threatened, the man agreed to serve as a guide for the Japanese, and his companions apparently released. As he was guiding the Japanese towards Lipa, the Japanese were attacked, probably by guerrillas, and one of the Japanese soldiers bayoneted the guide six times and left him. Though seriously wounded, he recovered (R 41, 42; Exs. H, I).

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Ex 1431

太平洋方面米國陸軍總司令部

戦争犯罪部 一九四六年一月八日

事件経緯

書 検察部宛 (第一五一號報告)

由 戦犯部 行政官 佐藤 俊

名 「ファイリツピン」市民ノ殺害及殺害未遂
並ニ、一九四五年一月、二月及三月中ニ
於ケル「ファイリツピン」「ルゾン」「マ
ルバー」「バタンガス」州ノ諸部落ニ
於イテ行ハレタ私有財産ノ亂暴ナル破壊

ニ 證據ノ概要

一九四五年一月二十六日早朝、日本兵ガ「バタン
ガス」州「マルバー」「ベリーサンアンドレス」
ノ部落ニ遣入リマシタ。

彼等ハ住民ヲ小サイ組ニ集メテ學校ノ建物ニ連レ
テ行キマシタ。約五十ノ、血ニ染ツタ人体ガ空地
ニ散亂シテイマシタ。ソシテ三人ノ「ファイリツピ
ン」人ガ彼等ノ手ハ後ニ縛ラレテ銃劍デ刺殺サレ
テ居マシタ。五人ノ「ファイリツピン」人ノ一組ノ
中ノ一人ガ學校ニ連レテ行カレル途中逃ゲ出シマ
シタ。ソシテ日本人ガ彼ヲ射撃シタ時傷付イタケ
レドモ逃亡シマシタ (R 七、八)。二人ノ他ノ「フ
イリツピン」人ハ掩蔽壕ノ中ニ隠レ場所ヲ探シマ

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シタ。併シ日本兵ニ發見サレ日本兵ハ機關銃デ彼等ヲ射撃シマシタ。二人ハ死ヲ裝ヒマシタ。ソシテ後他ニ隠レ場所ヲ探シマシタ。シカシ再ビ十五人ノ日本兵ニヨリ發見サレテ其ノ一人ハ首ヲ切ラレマシタガ他ノ人ハ日本兵ガ彼ヲ射撃シタケレドモ逃亡シマシタ。(R 十一、十二)

又他ノ「フイリツピン」人ガ逃ゲヨウトシタ時五人ノ日本兵ニヨリ銃劍ニテ刺サレマシタ。兵ノ中一人ハ「ピストル」ヲ以テ彼ノ頭ヲ撃チマシタ。他ノ兵ノ中一人ハソノ負傷者ノ胸部ヲ銃劍デ刺シマシタ。ソシテ彼ヲ死人トシテ放置シマシタ。シカシソノ犠牲者ハ辛ジテ生殘ツテ正氣ヲ取戻シマシタ。ソレカラ日本兵ハ其ノ村ノ約九十戸ヲ焼キマシタ。(R 十五、十六)

一九四五年二月十九日、約三十人ノ日本兵ト「マカビリス」ガ「マルバー」ノ「ベゴングボツク」村内「サンチアゴ、デ、ラ、ベネ」ノ家ニ接近シマシタ。日本兵ハ六人住ンデオル其ノ家ヲ取圍ミマシタ。日本兵ノ一人ガ其ノ家ニ這入リマシタ。暫時ノ後彼ハ出テ來マシタ。ソシテ、ソレカラ其ノ兵等ハ松明ヲ持ツテ其ノ家ヲ焼キ拂ヒマシタ。六人ノ居住者ノ死体ガ家ノ黒焦ゲノ跡ニ見出サレマシタ。(R 十八)

一九四五年三月二十五日「サンベドロ」村デ或ル

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人ガ日本兵ニ阻止サレ全住民ガ何處ニ居ルカヲ兵達ニ告ゲルコトガ出來ナカツタノデ五度モ銃劍デ刺サレマシタ。非常ニ傷付イテハキタガ彼ハ生キ延ビタ。(R二十一、二十二 EXS B、C) 同日同村ニ於イテ四名ノ「フイリツビン」人ガ日本兵ニヨリ手ヲ後ニ縛ラレ深イ井戸ノ中ニ投ゲラレ、ソシテ溺死サセラレマシタ。(R二十四、二十五 EXD) 一九四五年三月二十七日「サンベドロ」村ニ於テ同一方法ニテ他ノ二名ガ日本兵ニヨリ溺死サセラレタ。(R二十八、二十九 EXE)

一九四五年三月或日ノコト「バタングス」州「マルヴァー」、「ブルシヤン」、「サンイシドロ」村ニ於テ三名ノ「フイリツビン」人ガ日本兵ニヨリ捕ヘラレマシタ。彼等ノ手ハ後ニ縛ラレ彼等ハ深イ井戸ノ中ニ突キ落サレマシタ。ソレ等ノ中ニ二名溺死サセラレタ併シ一名ガ彼ノ手ヲ解クコトガ出來、ソシテ救ハレル迄一本ノ竹ヲ握ツテイマシタ。(R三十二、三十三 EXF)

一九四五年三月二十九日、「サンヂュアン」村附近ノ「ダハット」ニ於テ日本兵ガ「フイリツビン」人ノ家ニヤツテキマシタノデ住民六名ハ逃ゲヨウトシマシタ。

妊娠中ノ一婦人ハ追ツテクル日本兵ニ追ヒツカレテ小銃ヲ撃タレマシタ。重傷デハアツタガ彼女ハ

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生残りマシタ。同家族ノ他ノ人々ハ無事ニ逃ゲマシタ。他ノ一人ハ日本兵ニヨリ同刻同所ニ於テ傷ツケラレ後程病院ニ於テ死亡シマシタ。(R 三十六、三十七)

一九四五年三月二十八日十時頃、二百ノ日本兵ガ「マルグー」、「ブリベン」ノ「サンイシドロ」村ニ遣入ツテ來マシタ。二名ノ住民ハ安全ニ逃ゲマシタ。シカシ一名ノ男ト彼ノ子供ト二名ノ婦人が捕ヘラレタ。脅迫サレテ其ノ人ハ日本兵ノ案内者トシテ働クコトニ同意シタ。ソシテ彼ノ仲間ヘ釋放サレタラシカツタ。彼ガ日本兵ヲ「リベ」ノ方ヘ案内シテキタ時、日本兵ハ攻撃サレタ「ゲリ」ニ撃タレタラシカツタ。日本兵ノ一人ハソノ案内者ヲ六回銃剣デ刺シマシテ彼ヲ放置シマシタ。重傷デヘアツタガ彼ハ正氣附キマシタ。(R 四十一、四十二 || EXS H. I.)

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